

at Sea is so disproportionate to what it must encounter under so many more Fathoms of Earth, that a more violent Return will rather open and discharge itself there, than do us any considerable Mischief at Land.

XXIX.

*Extract of a Letter from Mr. Benj. Cooke
F. R. S. to Mr. Peter Collinson, F. R. S.
of a Shock of an Earthquake felt in the Isle
of Wight, March 19. 1749-50.*

Isle of Wight, March 26, 1750.

Read March 29. ^{1750.} **B**ESES the Shock, which hap-
pen'd here about 6 in the Evening
on the 18th Instant, as has been mention'd in the
public Prints from many neighbouring Places, there
was another, which was felt by some betwixt 3
and 4 o'Clock next Morning: But whether this
latter was as extensive as the former, I cannot yet
learn.

In the Evening Shock, a Gentleman of my Ac-
quaintance was sitting alone in his Parlour by the
Fire with the Doors shut; the Spaniel-Dog, which
lay as it were asleep before him, was so terrified at
the unusual Motion, that he ran round the Room
in the greatest Fright and Confusion, as endeavour-
ing to find a Way of Escape.